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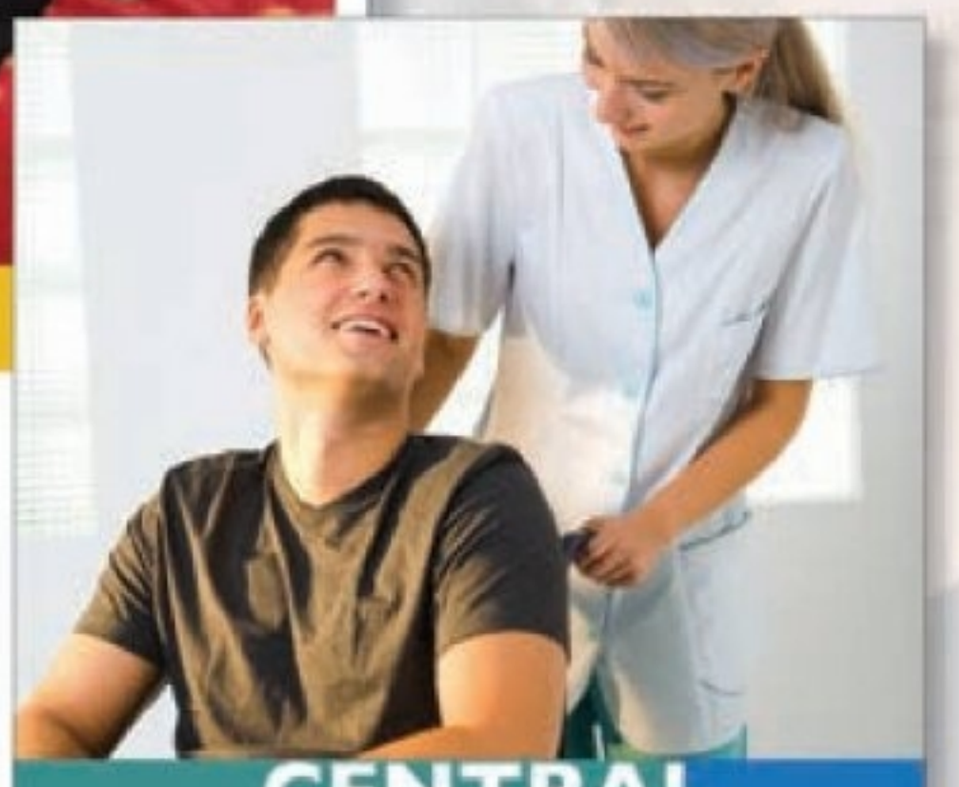

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3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

ALGERIAN ARRESTED IN ITALY AS BELGIUM INVESTIGATION WIDENS

A Belgian press agency Belga said on Sunday prosecutors had charged a man in connection with a raid in Paris on Thursday that authorities said foiled an apparent attack plot. Belga named him as Abderamane A. who prosecutors had said on Saturday was being held after being shot in a raid in the Brussels district of Schaerbeek. After a series of raids in Belgium and Germany, Italian police also arrested Algerian Djamal Eddine Ouali who is suspected of making documents for militants linked to the bombings, Italian media said on Saturday. His name was found in documents in a raid on an apartment near Brussels last October, including some with photos of militants involved in the attacks in Paris and in Brussels and the aliases they used. REUTERS

SUICIDE BOMBER KILLS 67, MOSTLY WOMEN, CHILDREN IN PAKISTAN

A suicide bomber killed at least 67 people and injured more than 280 others, mostly women and children, at a public park in the Pakistani city of Lahore on Sunday, striking at the heart of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's political base of Punjab. The blast occurred in the parking area of Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park, a few feet away from children's swings. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for the blast, which occurred in a busy residential area during the Easter holiday weekend. Police said it was not clear whether the attack had deliberately targeted mainly Muslim Pakistan's small Christian minority. Pakistan, a nuclear-armed nation of 190 million people, is plagued by a Taliban insurgency, criminal gangs and sectarian violence. REUTERS

CHILE REPORTS ITS FIRST SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED ZIKA CASE

Chile has confirmed its first case of the Zika virus having been sexually transmitted, the health ministry said in a statement on its website. The virus is linked to thousands of suspected cases of birth defects in Brazil. The new case in Chile is that of a 46-year-old woman whose partner was infected while in Haiti. Chile, where the mosquitoes that transmit the virus are not found, has confirmed 10 cases of Zika involving people infected outside the country. There is growing evidence that suggests a link between Zika and microcephaly in babies. The condition is defined by unusually small heads that can result in developmental problems.

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WATCH OUT FOR ACTIVE HURRICANE SEASON

Bolaris' Weather Watch

JOHN BOLARIS
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This is my early outlook for the upcoming 2016 hurricane season that officially starts on June 1 and ends on November 30.

Hurricane conferences are now in full swing in the state of Florida. Analysis of meteorological data in compiling an outlook for any hurricane season is an ongoing process each and every day. I've been researching various meteorological hurricane forecasting tools along with opinions from the "Hurricane Experts."

Personally, I have been forecasting and chasing hurricanes for over 20 years, from Montauk, Long Island, to Miami, Florida, to New Orleans and on into Houston, Texas. I have flown into the eye of these beasts with the hurricane hunters as my camera people. Trust me, when you fly through the wall of the storm, hail banging away at the fuselage of the aircraft, it sounds like someone is taking a sledgehammer to the plane.

In case you missed it, we already had our first hurricane of the season back in January, when Alex formed in the far eastern Atlantic and made landfall in the Azores off the African coast. This was the earliest since 1938.

Although I believe most of the hurricane experts will be predicting a slightly below-normal hurricane season, I'm predicting a hurricane season that will be the most active in over three years and forecasting an above-average hurricane season.

What is average:

12 named storms
6 hurricanes
3 intense hurricanes (winds sustained at 110-plus mph for one minute)

Five major factors in forecasting any hurricane season:

El Niño
Accumulated cyclone energy (ACE)
Tropical storm risk index (TSR)
Tropical Atlantic temperatures
The unknown

The ACE index stands at 80, which normally means a below hurricane season is in play. However, this projection has an error margin number of plus or minus 57. The higher the number, the more active the hurricane season.

The TSR measures the projected sheering wind across the tropical Atlantic, indicating a below-normal hurricane season. Sheering winds destroy hurricane development.

I believe the TSR and the ACE are in error. Keep in mind these model outputs are basically getting their data during the early winter season.

My belief is that El Niño is now in a rapid cooling mode and will go neutral by the time the peak of the hurricane season arrives (August-September). Strong El Niño's create sheering winds across the tropical Atlantic, and stifles hurricane formation. Meaning hurricane development will go back to a favorable environment for formation. Also, although the tropical Atlantic waters are running a bit cooler, I'm forecasting the tropical Atlantic to warm. Hurricane growth is dependent upon water temperatures of 80 degrees and above.

My outlook:

17 named storms (Normal 12)
9 hurricanes (Normal 6)
3-4 intense hurricanes (Normal 3)

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One killed, one injured in Mattapan

Police were investigating a fatal confrontation in Mattapan on Sunday, after one man was found dead and another badly injured on River Street.

Officers arrived around 2 a.m. to the area of 227 River Street, near the Mattapan Heights apartment building and Transitions Treatment Program, according to a police report.

There, they found one man in his 20s suffering from gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at the scene, the report said.

First-responders transferred a second man, who was also in his 20s, to a nearby hospital with a stab wound that wasn't considered to be life threatening.

Police are now looking for the public's help, asking anyone with information to contact BPD detectives at 617-343-4470 or leave an anonymous tip at 1-800-494-TIPS or via text to CRIME (27463).

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Anime Boston brings costumed fans to convention center

Fans of anime turned out by the thousands to Boston's celebration of Japanese animation at the Hynes Convention Center this weekend. Attendees dressed up in their favorite costumes and wielded homemade weapons and accessories for the three-day-long gathering, the largest of its kind in the Northeast. DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

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Boston filmmaker steps in the ring for a knockout film

Amy DePaola went through brutal training in a Southie gym for "Laila B.," a fictional take on her own life.

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Amy DePaola turned her real-life boxing training into the film "Laila B." DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

The story is fiction, but the bruises are real.

Boston filmmaker and Emerson College professor Amy DePaola is wrapping up production on a feature-length movie based loosely on her own story of redemption in the boxing ring.

Her yet-to-be-released independent film, titled "Laila B.," follows a woman who, after surviving an assault, trains as a boxer.

DePaola is the writer, the director and the star. But she doesn't rely on stunt doubles and fancy camera work for the film's challenging physical shots. She endured the herculean regimen it takes to become a boxer.

"I was like, 'Wouldn't it be cool if I wrote this narrative script and all the training stuff was real?'" the 31-year-old said. "And what better way to make it even more real than to actually sign up for a fight?"

Throughout the summer of 2015, she filmed "Laila B." at the gritty and celebrated Peter Welch's Gym in South Boston, documenting her training process for a match with Haymakers for Hope, a charity that raises funds for cancer research by pitting first-time boxers against one another.

A small camera crew captured her training in real time, filming as she jogged on treadmills, taped up her knuckles and took her first swing at the heavy bags, then at real opponents.

As DePaola's skills improved, she said, so did her character's.

Like the main character, Laila, DePaola also lived through a violent attack.

In October 2013, she said, a man grabbed her from behind and hurled her down the concrete steps of her South End apartment, badly injuring her before taking off with her backpack.

Her recovery was long, she recalled. She was tormented by fear, she said, and she still gets twinges of pain in her spine. But she credits the incident with connecting her to boxing, a sport she now loves.

"One might say I had PTSD after I was attacked," said DePaola. "I like to call it 'PTG': personal traumatic growth."

In her real-life boxing match, DePaola lost. She wouldn't say whether that fact changes in the movie version, but said it's not a critical part of the film.

"The training is the best part," she said, referring to her own process as a fighter. "The fight is over and done with in minutes."

But the training wasn't easy.

DePaola spent three hours a day, six days a week intensely working out.

"I cried a lot during the training, I'll be honest," she said. "I would find ways to dip into the locker room and have a moment away from the cameras. Once or twice, we caught it" on film.

The movie is full of real moments such as those. She didn't have to act exhausted and frustrated, because she really was.

As her understanding of boxing evolved, so did her script. It changed "tremendously" by the time she'd spent months enmeshed in that world, she said.

And she repeated what any boxer will tell you: Everything you thought you knew about fighting changes when you take your first punch in the face.

"She gets what it takes," said Andrea Gurecki, an accomplished amateur boxer who trained with the filmmaker and plays a small role in the movie. "She definitely saw how much heartache you can get, how mentally it can really screw you sometimes."

DePaola said she thought a lot about quitting, but she didn't. Now she "craves" training.

Her experience is similar to that of other first-time fighters who compete with Haymakers for Hope, the nonprofit's co-founder Andrew Myerson said.

"It becomes part of your lifestyle."

Even though she shot it like a documentary, DePaola said she never wanted to make a fully factual autobiography. She felt more comfortable telling her story with a layer of distance.

"For me, if I did a documentary, I'd be living so much in this place of the past, and this awful thing that happened to me," DePaola explained. "It's just a representation of how I dealt with that situation, and how I'm trying to inspire others to look at the pitfalls in their life."

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Sometimes it seems every week of this election is the same as the last — like "Groundhog Day," only scary and depressing. But trust me, the process is creeping forward. You might need a sundial to time it, but still — here are my three things to watch this week in politics.

1. INQUIRING MINDS

Ever been around one of those really uncomfortable, bitter fights between best friends? Yea, well I guess we're all in that situation now. Ted Cruz and Donald Trump were once practically brothers from other mothers, but now it's nothing but knives and hatchets. The dynamic duo's painfully public brawl last week over wives, photos and alleged affairs was unseemly at best, but I suspect we've not seen the worst of it. That ringing sound? Just the bell between rounds.

2. FINAL COUNTDOWN?

Make the popcorn and place your wagers. John Kasich will take another stab at challenging the Trump/Cruz lock on the lead at CNN's Republican town hall Tuesday. Odds of him suddenly surging in the standings? The polls say pretty slim, but establishment Republicans looking for a contested convention are desperate for Kasich to not only hang in there, but to also make a good showing. Meanwhile, on the Dem side, Bernie Sanders may not be winning a lot, but he keeps forcing Hillary Clinton to look over her shoulder.

3. NO NUKES

The Nuclear Security Summit will bring reps from around the world to D.C., but the hottest issue on the table will be a non-nuclear threat: ISIS. President Obama has taken heat over what some critics consider an occasionally middling response to the terrorist group, and the White House clearly wants to change that impression. Watch for the photo ops to be pushed hard, and some tough talk from POTUS is a sure bet.

TOM FOREMAN

Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the new book "My Year of Running Dangerously."

Trump and Cruz GETTY IMAGES

BRIEF

Sanders claims momentum, eyes Democratic Party power brokers

Fresh from Democratic presidential primary wins over the weekend in three states, Bernie Sanders on Sunday claimed political momentum he said could help him win the backing of Democratic power brokers in his race against Hillary Clinton.

Sanders easily won nominating contests in Alaska, Washington and Hawaii on Saturday. His latest remarks reflect his plan to chip away at Clinton's commanding lead in the number of delegates needed to win the party's nomination.

Interviewed on Sunday by U.S. broadcasters, Sanders said Democratic "superdelegates," who can change their allegiance, might rally behind him because some polls suggest he has a better chance than Clinton of beating a Republican candidate.

"Momentum is with us. A lot of these superdelegates may rethink their position with Hillary Clinton," said Vermont Sen. Sanders on CNN'S "State of the Union" news program.

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Chloe Grace Moretz turned down Taylor Swift's squad invite

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Chloe Grace Moretz is one of the most visible teen stars in Hollywood, so it's no surprise that Taylor Swift would've tried to recruit her into the once-exclusive ranks of her "squad." And it turns out Swift, in fact, did. And it further turns out that Moretz gave her a hard pass on the offer. That's cold. When asked by Complex magazine why she's turned down a seat at the Swift lunch table, Moretz took the high road, refusing to elaborate and saying nothing about Swift besides, "She's a very talented person." And we all know what that means. But Moretz was more than happy to critique the whole squad phenomenon in general. "They appropriate exclusivity," she told the magazine. "They're cliques." That they are. And she won't sit with them.

Hulk Hogan happy with his $140 million Gawker verdict

How would you react if a judge awarded you $115 million plus $25 million in punitive damages? Probably how Hulk Hogan did at the culmination of his sex tape trial against Gawker Media, but hopefully you'd be a little less descriptive when talking about it. "I kind of snorted," Hogan tells Page Six. "Everything, like my whole head, like a bucket of water was going to come out of my face. It was so overwhelming. It was almost like I was relieved that they believed me. … I didn't hear the numbers until we got upstairs. I went, 'Oh!'" Oh, indeed.

Millions aside, Hogan sees a lesson in all of this. "I hope [the defendants] learned what the trial was about: that we were actually protecting the First Amendment and carving out that little piece of privacy," he says.

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Gwen Stefani loves her hypothetically gay son

Gwen Stefani has three young sons — ages 9, 7 and 2 — with ex-husband Gavin Rossdale, and if one or more of them turned out to be gay, she's be just fine with that. "I would be blessed with a gay son. You know that I would feel blessed about that," the "Voice" coach tells Pride Source. "I just want my boys to be happy and healthy, and I just ask God to guide me every day to be a good mother because it is not an easy job. … And it doesn't really matter if you're gay, straight, whatever. There are good and bad people, and I would be happy. I just want my kids to be happy, and whatever journey God gives them is their journey. I just need to be there to be the most supportive mom that I can be, and that's what I'm going to be."

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'Batman v Superman: Sad Affleck'

It's been a huge weekend for "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," but not in the way that Warner Bros. and Zack Snyder were imagining. For instance, this fan-made edit of an interview with Ben Affleck and Henry Cavill in which the stars are asked about the film's negative reviews. Watch as, with the help of Simon and Garfunkel and slow zoom, our new Batman turns into Sad Affleck.

Simon Cowell shrugs on One Direction's future

Hey, all you One Direction fans patiently waiting through the bands newly launched "break," are you wondering when they'll get back to being a band again? So is their guru and founder, Simon Cowell. "I don't know if it's a hiatus or a break-up, to be honest," he tells Billboard Magazine. "In a weird way, I don't want to know. I don't think they've had enough time to experience what it's like not being in the group to really answer that. They'll decide when they want to come back together." But, as their ostensible boss, couldn't he have some say in that? Doesn't he want to see the fans happy? Jerk. The lads, meanwhile, all seem to have plenty of other interests to keep them occupied. Louis Tomlinson is a new dad, Harry Styles is toying with the idea of an acting career, Niall Horan is going into the golf business and Liam Payne is dating a judge from "The X Factor," because apparently you can go home again.

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Single and Swiping

Laurie Davis is the founder of eFlirt, an online dating concierge service, and the best-selling author of "Love @ First Click: The Ultimate Guide to Online Dating."

Most women don't want to be the one doing the asking. But if you meet someone online, you need to get offline to actually date him. Otherwise, all that time you put into messaging back and forth is a waste. Swiping on Tinder is fun, but it's only actually enhancing your dating life if you're meeting those matches IRL.

Of course, every woman hopes that her matches will ask her out. (Guys: I'm serious. Just do it.) But it doesn't really matter how you get offline, just that you do. If he's good enough to continue messaging, he's good enough to meet for a cocktail or coffee.

Most of my clients are women — and at first, they hate this advice. The biggest thing is that they don't want to have to learn how to ask a guy out — but then they realize it's really uncomplicated, and in fact, can even feel empowering. You are opting in to your dates rather than letting him be the only one in control.

Here are three ways to ask him out:

Mention getting offline

Be direct, like this: "You're so fun to talk to! Want to continue the convo over a cocktail?" Done and done.

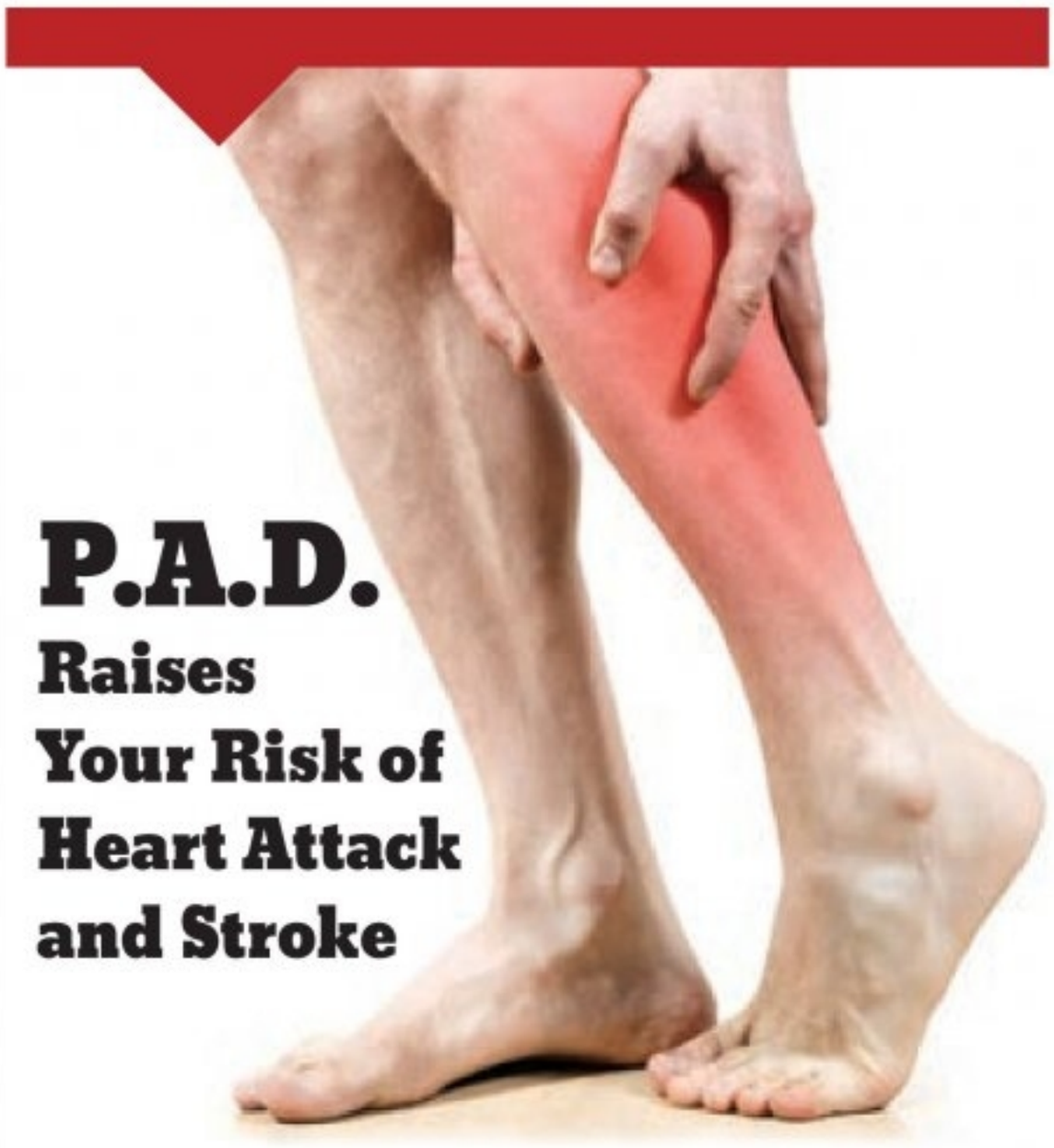
Use what you've got

Take something from your conversation and bring it into reality, like this: "I know, I haven't been to that museum in a while either! Next week?"

Get snarky

Try a little humor, if sassy is your style, with something like, "I'm a lot more witty in person. ;)"

You don't always have to follow up directly with a question that suggests meeting. If you want to wait and see how he replies, you can. He may take your cue and ask you out once you prompt the date-night discussion. Just make sure you don't hesitate too long and miss your moment.



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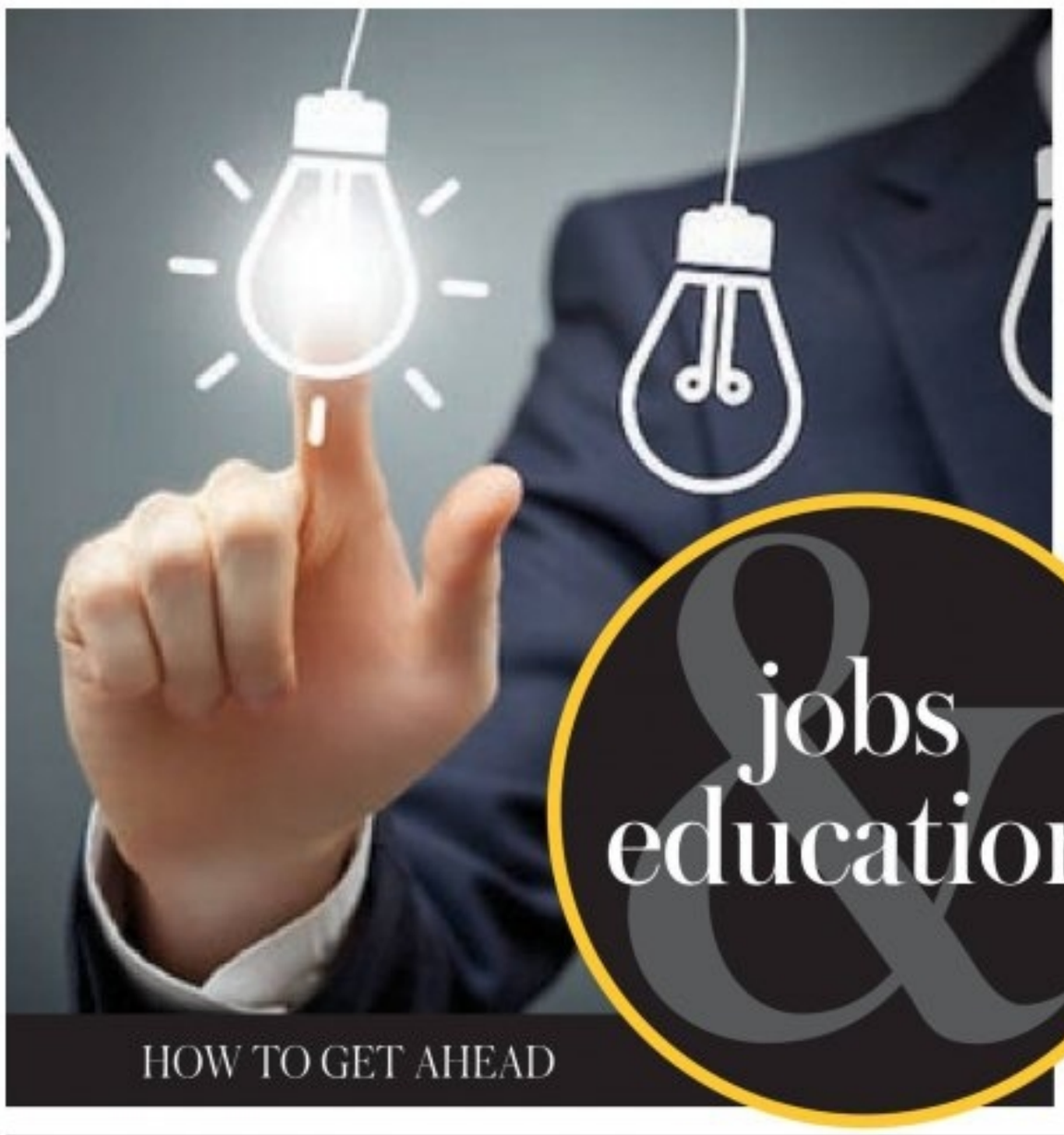

The human factor

A look at the unique degree that's poised to change the way we live and work.

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They're questions familiar to anyone who has ever cursed the complicated installation of a new home appliance, found themselves stuck in crowded, poorly-designed arena or spent hours on the phone with a customer service representative: Why isn't this more efficient? Why can't this function better? Why is everything so complicated?

These questions resonated with Athena Ziavras, a graduate student in human factors and information design at Bentley University. Ziavras remembers noticing medical professionals working with a state-of-the-art machine, and openly admitting confusion. "All of this technology is so much more advanced, but if it's not usable, then what's the point?" she says. "You're making the people adapt to technology, rather than technology to people."

The frustration with recurring day-to-day inefficiencies sparked Ziavras' interest in an area of study that many people may not have heard of: human factors.

Design for humans

"Human factors is really studying people — their abilities, their goals, their limitations, and using that understanding to not only design products, but increase service," explains William Gribbons, program director of human factors and information design at Bentley.

Gribbons helped develop Bentley's graduate program, which emphasizes an understanding of human behavior. Over the course of the program, students undertake research and pioneer innovative and efficient design. The degree program began in 1999, and enrollment stands at 135 students.

"Our lives have become incredibly complicated," Gribbons says. "So many things require too much attention, effort, thinking, pain and suffering. It spills over into the business world, where design and experience have become the competitive advantage."

A competitive advantage

The quest for a competitive advantage is what drew Renee Keith to Bentley's graduate program. Keith had the opportunity to intern in the school's User Experience Center, where a team of consultants work with big-name clients from across the globe like Fidelity, Harvard Medical, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Staples. "Companies realize how much they can save with a better product overall," Keith says. "Working with someone with human factors knowledge, you can implement the best practices that make something usable."

Gribbons says the Nest thermostat exemplifies an innovation that improved an existing product by taking human factors in account. The motion-activated thermostat learns your temperature preferences, can be controlled from a smartphone and senses when the home is empty, turning the temperature down to save on energy costs.

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Part of the appeal of studying human factors might be the wide range of career possibilities that students explore after graduation.

"I have students in the program who work in transportation, military applications, health care, consumer electronics, games, and people who are interested in architecture and education," Gribbons explains. "It's really now being applied to the design of everything."

For Ziavras, the program is all about creating fulfilling experiences during a period of innovation. "Ten, 15, or 20 years ago, it was, 'Who can create the latest technology?' But now that all of that is so common, user experience is what puts you above."

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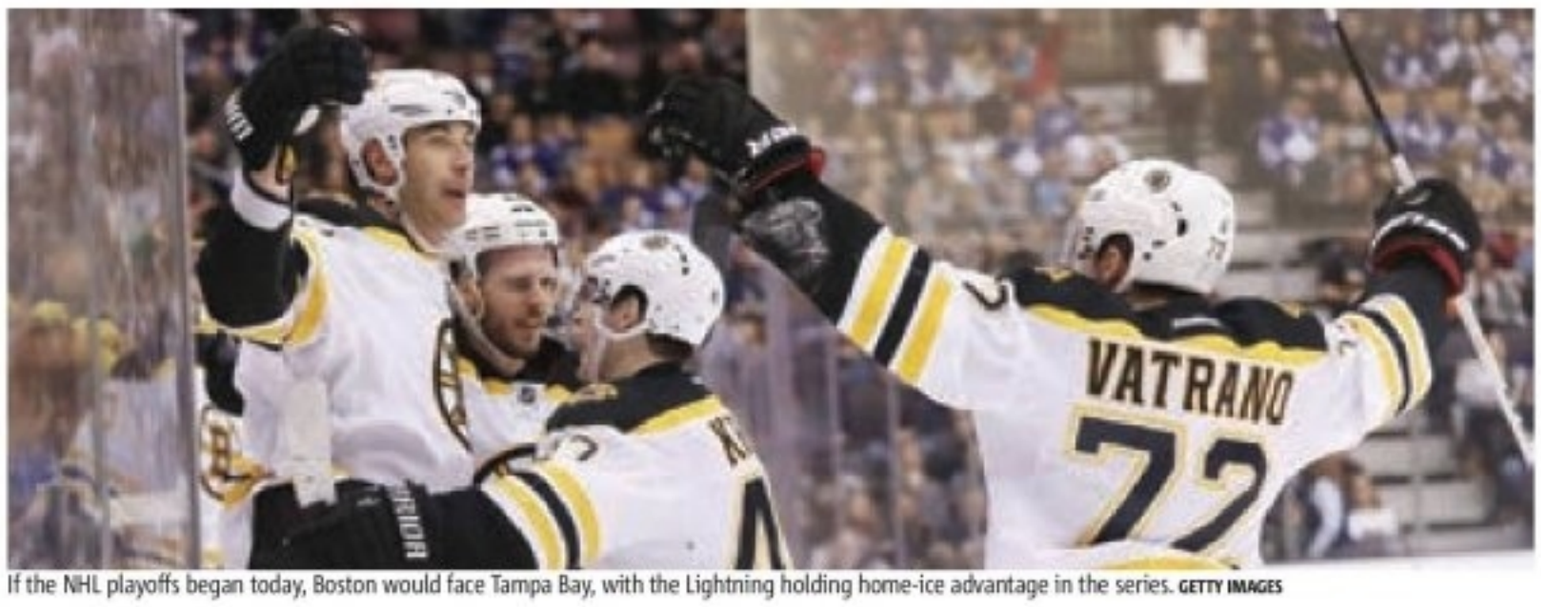

If the NHL playoffs began today, Boston would face Tampa Bay, with the Lightning holding home-ice advantage in the series. GETTY IMAGES

Boston ended a costly five-game skid and looks to reaffirm its playoff positioning.

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In a week filled with three so-called "must-win games" that began with two brutal setbacks, the Bruins (40-28-8) snapped a five-game losing streak by picking up a crucial 3-1 victory on Saturday at Toronto's (27-36-11) Air Canada Centre.

After returning from an 0-3 road trip to California, Boston put their playoff hopes in serious jeopardy by losing, 5-2, on Wednesday to the Rangers (43-24-8) at Madison Square Garden, and falling, 4-1, to the Panthers (42-24-9) on Thursday at TD Garden.

The cliché of your best players stepping up at the biggest moments was the story for the B's against the Maple Leafs as Patrice Bergeron and Zdeno Chara each scored a goal, David Krejci had two assists, Tukka Rask made 25 saves while Matt Beleskey (assist, 4 hits and 3 blocked shots) put together a nice all-around performance capped off by the empty-netter that sealed it.

"We played better, it's as simple as that," said Chara. "You can't really pick one thing that we did better than in all of those other games [during the losing streak]. We were tighter defensively, better offensively, stronger on pucks and more physical. I thought we had a good, strong 60-minute game."

Saturday was a good day for the Black and Gold from start to finish as earlier that afternoon, Detroit (37-27-11) got blown out, 7-2, by Pittsburgh (41-25-8). Boston's win combined with the Red Wings loss left the Bruins three points ahead of Detroit (who still has a game in hand) for third place in the Atlantic Division and also three points ahead of Philadelphia (36-25-13), who lost, 2-1, at Arizona (34-34-7) on Saturday night and is clinging to the second Wild Card spot behind the Islanders (40-25-9).

Boston is three points behind Tampa Bay (43-27-5) and five points behind Florida, but both of their divisional foes still have a game in hand on them. There are six games remaining in the regular season for the B's: three more left on this road trip and then they conclude things with a three-game homestand. Toronto is the worst team in the NHL, so nothing less than two points would have been an acceptable result for Boston.

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>
> Bruins head coach Claude Julien

"We needed to play with more energy and more confidence and do the right things," explained Bruins head coach Claude Julien about Saturday's main focus. "It slowly came around, and after a while, you started to see our old team."

Tuesday's (7 p.m., NESN) contest at New Jersey (36-31-8) should carry a similar label since the Devils are all but officially eliminated from playoff contention and their All-Star goaltender, Cory Schneider, is out for the season. Friday's (8 p.m., NESN) game at St. Louis (45-22-9) and Sunday's (12:30 p.m., NBC) matinee at Chicago (43-25-7) at least on paper look like their toughest matchups that they have left by far. Stealing a point or two in either of those meetings would be a bonus.

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OPINION

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We're getting closer to opening day, but plenty of leagues still have their drafts between now and first pitch. If you're among those still waiting to select their 2016 roster, consider the following bargain alternatives to some popular fantasy targets. All average draft position (ADP) data is courtesy of FantasyPros.

DRAFT: DEXTER FOWLER (188 ADP)
INSTEAD OF: SHIN-SOO CHOO (133)
Choo is a better bet to hit 20 home runs, but Fowler launched 17 himself last season and holds a significant edge in stolen bases over the past two years (31 to Choo's seven). The two have virtually identical batting averages over that span, and Fowler's position atop the Cubs' stacked lineup should help him easily outpace Choo in runs.

DRAFT: ADAM EATON (111)
INSTEAD OF: MOOKIE BETTS (22)
Betts is younger, more exciting and just more obviously talented than Eaton. But the pair produced eerily similar numbers in 2015, each hitting around .290 with 90-plus runs scored and home run totals in the teens. They even had identical average batted ball distance as measured by Baseball Heat Maps. Long term, and probably even this year, Betts is the better option. You could get a good portion of his production from Eaton nearly 100 picks later, however. That would free you up to, say, draft Chris Sale early instead of settling for somebody like Jordan Zimmermann later.

DRAFT: MARCUS SEMIEN (271)
INSTEAD OF: BRANDON CRAWFORD (138)
The shortstops for the two Bay Area teams share some striking similarities. Looking at last season, they posted identical batting averages (.257), run totals (65) and walk rates (7 percent). Crawford hit 21 homers to Semien's 15, but that's also nearly double the amount he'd hit in his first four MLB seasons. Some regression seems like a safe bet. Semien also offers more upside on the bases, having swiped 11 bags last year. Crawford's getting all the attention in drafts, but Semien could easily outproduce him.

DRAFT: JOSE QUINTANA (147)
INSTEAD OF: SONNY GRAY (65)
There's no doubt that Gray is an excellent pitcher. In two-plus seasons and nearly 500 innings, he's put together a 2.88 ERA and 1.13 WHIP with solid, if unspectacular, strikeout and walk rates. That ERA is the 10th-best mark among qualified starters since his debut in 2013. Gray uses his friendly home park and a ground ball heavy approach to great effect, regularly outpitching his fielding independent numbers. But Quintana can give you similar production at a significant discount. Would you rather have Gray and Elvis Andrus, or Quintana and Corey Seager?

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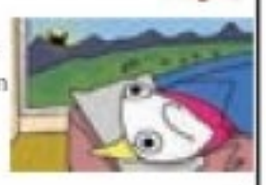

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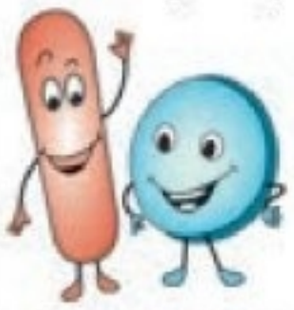

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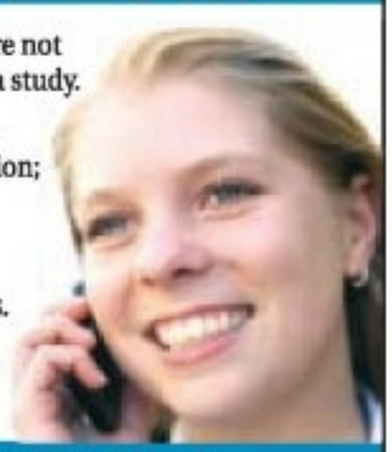

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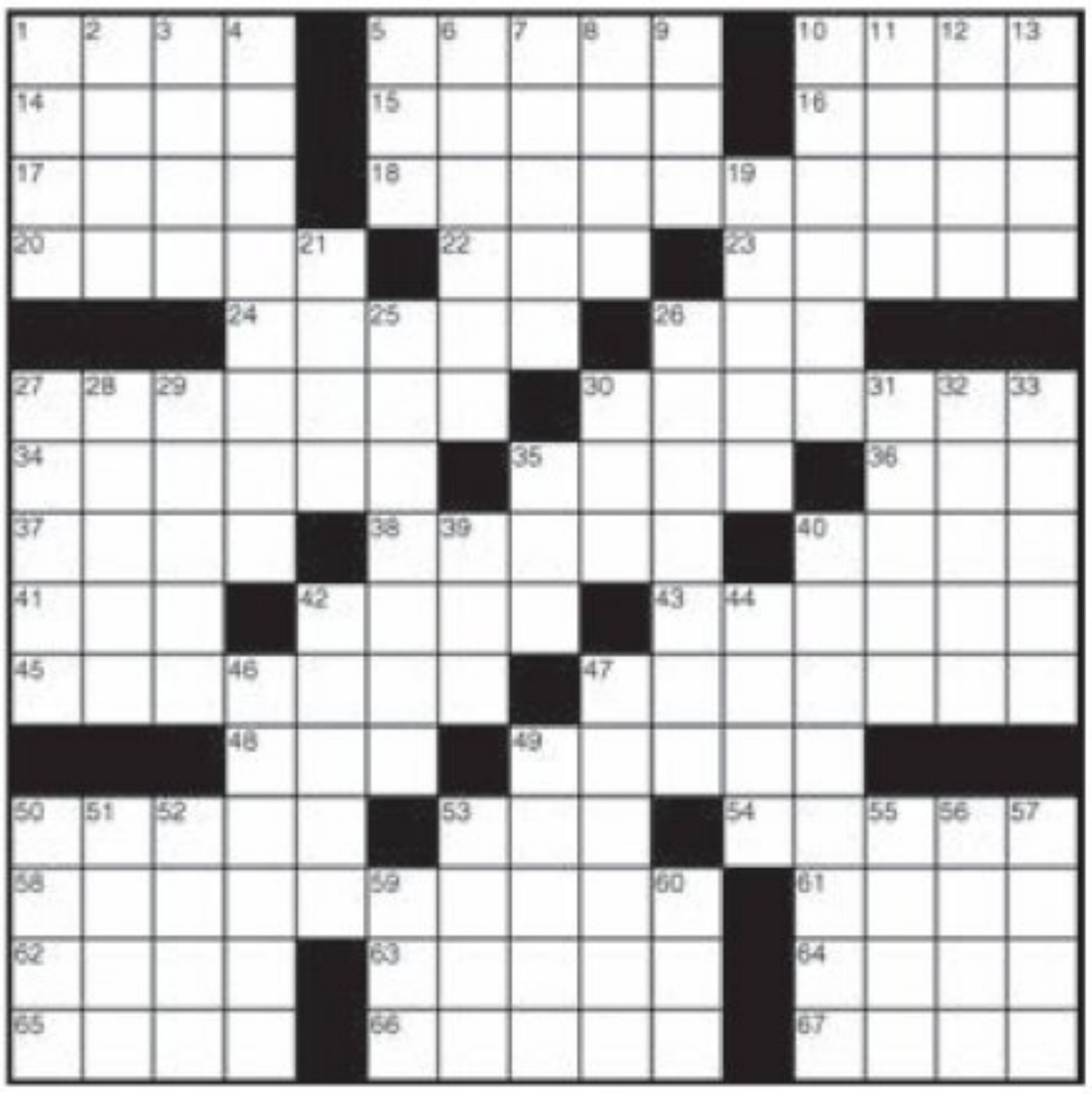

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23 Maureen of the screen
24 Bright
26 "A pox upon thee!"
27 — in (leaving the poker table)
30 Humming along
34 Travel stopovers
35 Foot part
36 Goose egg
37 Makes a mistake
38 Use force
40 Toodle-oo! (hyph.)
41 LAX info
42 Nervous
43 Tied the score
45 White-water paddler
47 Futile
48 Earth orbiter of yore
49 — nous
50 Miss Brooks portrayer
53 Mi. above sea level
54 A second time
58 Picnickers at a game
61 Lacoste of tennis
62 — Te Kanawa
63 Keep happening
64 What rainbows are
65 "My Way" writer
66 Rations out
67 Castle defense

Down

1 Japanese soup
2 Make -- -- for it
3 Margarita rim
4 Flattens
5 Ms. Winehouse
6 Murmuring
7 High interest
8 Koppel and Turner
9 That, in Spain
10 Annoy
11 Movie lioness
12 Caboose's spot
13 "Naked Maja" artist
19 Bete --
21 Silvers or Donahue
25 Illegal trader
26 Least empty
27 Kiss target
28 Major artery
29 Wander off
30 "The Bells" poet
31 Lacking sense
32 Evenings, in ads
33 Spiky flowers
35 Mole, maybe
39 Boss, briefly
40 Fast message
42 Just scraping by
44 Aloe --
46 Bloomer who popularized bloomers
47 False
49 Choose
50 Aleutian island
51 Cloudburst
52 Quaint weapon
53 Fit to -- --
55 Prefix for space
56 Quechua speaker
57 Wildlife shelter
59 Sofa end
60 Almost grads

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easy

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hard

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	6			3	7		1	

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Aries If you check over personal papers, you'll find that you have more assets than you anticipated. A contract or commitment will improve your life. Your confidence will grow.

Taurus If you learn from past challenges, you will not falter under pressure. A partnership will help you discover hidden talents, allowing you to make significant progress.

Gemini Assess your current situation openly and honestly. Your reputation will be on the line if you don't handle matters with precision and detail.

Cancer Use your strengths and intuition to get ahead professionally. Your unusual approach to whatever you pursue will capture attention and give you the edge over a rival.

Leo Implement greater diversity in whatever you do. Challenge anyone who gets in your way. Stand tall and initiate the changes that you desire. Trust in your expertise.

Virgo Partnership problems will develop if you aren't forthcoming with your feelings or concerns. Keep your money and possessions in a safe place and avoid joint ventures.

Libra Don't be gullible if someone is trying to sell you something. High-pressure situations are best avoided or walked away from. Discipline and tidying up loose ends will relieve stress.

Scorpio If you use your imagination, opportunities will unfold. Putting forth a strong effort and calling in a favor will lead to success. Romance will result in positive changes at home.

Sagittarius Keep life simple and stick to the truth. Don't let your desire to be in the limelight cost you. A promise made must be kept if you don't want to ruin your reputation.

Capricorn Do your own thing and refuse to be daunted by someone making last-minute changes that interfere with your plans. Focus on moving forward regardless of others' actions.

Aquarius Stability can be yours if you make a couple of adjustments to your spending or household expenses. You'll come across an excellent idea that will help you advance.

Pisces Observation will help you go in the right direction. An unusual partnership will develop, but guidelines must be set before you engage in a joint venture. **EUGENIA LAST**

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